



1986-2004 Governor's Environmental Stewardship Award Winners

History of the Governor's Environmental Stewardship Award

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's Annual Stewardship Awards program began in 1995, although a major component of it, the Governor's Award for Excellence in Hazardous Waste Management actually began in 1986 through a legislative mandate. Working through the commissioner's office, the program's leader, Ernie Blankenship, along with many program partners, believed there was a need to publicly recognize the fine efforts of the many unsung volunteers, both individuals and organizations, who had participated in efforts to protect our state's environmental quality, promote environmental education, and enhance the state's natural beauty and quality of life. Hence, the program was initiated.

In an effort to encompass the entire spectrum of environmental and conservation efforts, 13 award categories were established at the beginning. Over the years the categories have changed names to better fit the type of nominations that were being received. The Governor's Environmental Stewardship Awards is an ever-evolving awards program that will continue to change as our environmental and conservation efforts change.

1986 Stewardship Award Winners

Hazardous Waste Management – Small	Diversified Printing Corp. – Dickson Eaton Corp. Axle Brake Division – Humboldt Carrier Air Conditioning Co. – McMinnville
Large	Cleo Inc. – Memphis

1987 Stewardship Award Winners

Hazardous Waste Management – Small	Rhone-Poulenc – Mt. Pleasant
Large	Nissan Motor Mfg., Corp. – Smyrna

1988 Stewardship Award Winners

Hazardous Waste Management – Small	Cleveland Pneumatic Co. – Tullahoma Bendix-Allied Signal – Knoxville
Large	Texas Instruments – Johnson City

1989 Stewardship Award Winners

Hazardous Waste Management – Small	Thomas Industries – Sparta
Large	TRW Ross Gear – Greenville

1990 Stewardship Award Winners

Hazardous Waste Management – Small	Emerson Electric – Paris
Large	Snap-On Tools – Elizabethton

1991 Stewardship Award Winners

Hazardous Waste Management – Small Large	Not Awarded Ball Zinc Products Division – Greenville Great Dane Trailers Tennessee, Inc. – Memphis
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1992 Stewardship Award Winners

Hazardous Waste Management – Small Large	Whirlpool Corp – LaVergne Phillips Consumer Electronics Co. – Greenville Sunbeam-Oster Specialty Prods. – McMinnville
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1993 Stewardship Award Winners

Hazardous Waste Management – Small Large	Not Awarded UNARCO Materials handling Co. – Springfield Schering-Plough HealthCare Prod. – Memphis
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1994 Stewardship Award Winners

Hazardous Waste Management – Small Large	Siemens Ind., Automation Inc. – Johnson City Lodge Manufacturing Co. – South Pittsburg Amana Refrigeration Inc. – Fayetteville
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1995 Stewardship Award Winners

Agriculture & Forestry	Timberlands Division Central Region Westvaco Corporation
Local Civic Volunteer	Mr. Jim Robinson – Campbell County
Higher Education – Internal External	Vanderbilt University Not Awarded
K-12 Environmental Awareness – Elementary Schools Small Medium Large Secondary	Bon DeCroit Elementary & Nature's Way Montessori Alpha Elementary Cameron Middle & Boone's Creek Middle Tennessee High School
Hazardous Waste Management – Small Large	Advance Transformer Co. – Wartburg Bridgestone/Firestone – Morrison Robertshaw Controls – Knoxville
Lifetime Environmental/ Conservation	Mr. Edward F. Williams, III, P.E. – Memphis Mr. S. Leary Jones, P.E. – Nashville

Local Government	Town of Jonesborough Humphreys County 4-H
Industrial Pollution Prevention	Cooper Automotive of Wagner Lighting – Sevierville Johnson Controls, Inc. – Athens Plus Mark, Inc. – Greenville



1996 Stewardship Award Winners

Agriculture & Forestry East Middle West	McMinn-Loudon Farmers Coop Tenneco Packaging Bob Whitworth, UTAES
Aquatic Resource Preservation – Scientific Citizen	Not Awarded Not Awarded
Local Civic Volunteer – East Middle West	Clean Kingsport Not Awarded Germantown Environmental Community Project
Higher Education – Internal External	University of Memphis – Ground Water Institute Not Awarded
K-12 Environmental Awareness – Elementary Schools East Middle West Middle Schools East Middle West High Schools East Middle West	Lonsdale Elementary & Love Chapel Elementary Oak Hill School Chimneyrock & Berclair Elementary & Dyersburg Primary John Sevier Middle William James Junior High Not Awarded Maryville High Not Awarded Germantown High wolf River/ W.E.T. Project
Hazardous Waste Management – Small Large	Not Awarded E.I. Dupont de Nemours & Co.
Lifetime Environmental/ Conservation – Volunteer Professional	Not Awarded Dr. Edward Thackston – Vanderbilt University

Local Government – East Middle West	Water Quality Forum/ 2 nd Creek Task Force Metro Nashville Greenways Commission Ground Water Quality Control Board for Shelby County
Natural Heritage Conservation – East Middle West	Foothills Land Conservancy & Friends of North Chickamauga Creek Arnold Engineering Development Center & Scotts Gulf Committee Wolf River Conservancy
Service Industry/ Business	Excel of Tennessee Columbia Centennial Medical Center
Trail Development	Not Awarded
Industrial Pollution Prevention	M&M / Mars Philips Consumers Electronics



1997 Stewardship Award Winners

Agriculture & Forestry – East Middle West	Clinch/Powell Watershed Protection Project Not Awarded Tenneco Packaging – Woodlands Division
Aquatic Resource Preservation – Scientific Citizen	Five Rivers R&D Council Partnership Boone Watershed Partnership
Local Civic Volunteer – East Middle West	Ijams Nature Center Kathy Dewein Haywood High School
Higher Education – Internal External	Belmont University UTAES - Knoxville
K-12 Environmental Awareness – Elementary Schools Large Medium Small Middle Schools Large Medium Small High Schools Large Medium Small	Granberry & Sango Avoca & Sam Houston Alpha & Hickerson Inman Coffman Pi Beta Phi Centennial Hillwood Elizabethton
Hazardous Waste Management – Small Large	Not Awarded Olin Corporation

Lifetime Environmental/ Conservation – Volunteer Professional	Mr. Robert Brown Dr. Patrick Doyle - MTSU
Local Government – East Middle West	Sevier Solid Waste Inc. Central TN Solid Waste Planning Board City of Germantown Env. Comm.
Natural Heritage Conservation – East Middle West	Flenniken Square Apartments Partnership Glenn Springs Holdings, Inc. Not Awarded
Service Industry/Business	Nashville Electric Service Renaissance Nashville Hotel
Greenways & Trails Greenways/Conservation - East Middle West Trail Development – Individual Regional	City of Maryville, Kingsport & Johnson City Rails to Trails in Ashland City Recreation/Parks Department of Jackson Robert Brown Cumberland Trail Conference
Industrial Pollution Prevention – East Middle West	DuPont & General Shale Products Corp. Bridgestone/Firestone Tenneco Packaging



1999 Stewardship Award Winners

Agriculture & Forestry – East Middle West	Gail & Jim Harris Farm Lincoln Farmers Co-op Hayden Miles - UTAES
Aquatic Resource Preservation – Scientific Citizen	Center for Field Biology - APSU Boone Watershed Partnership
Local Civic Volunteer	Janet Clark – Bristol Frank Sanders – Winchester
Higher Education – Internal External	Not Awarded Center for Field Biology - APSU

K-12 Environmental Awareness – Elementary Schools Large Medium Small Middle Schools Large Medium Small High Schools Large Medium Small	Granberry & Stuart-Burns/Burns & A.L. Lotts Highland Park & Westwood Love Chapel & Tennessee Ridge Cameron & Prescott Central Sequatchie County Camp Creek & MacDonald/Mohawk & E.E. Jeter Centennial Not Awarded Sequatchie & Sweetwater
Hazardous Waste Management – Small Large	Bridgestone/Firestone - Morrison Fort Campbell – Pollution Prevention Center
Lifetime Environmental/ Conservation – Volunteer Professional	Evan Means – Oak Ridge Gary Myers – TWRA
Local Government	Scenic Cities Beautiful Commission – Chattanooga City of Cleveland Williamson County City of Memphis – Division of Public Works
Natural Heritage Conservation – East Statewide Land Donations	Steele Creek Parks Nature Center Bridgestone/Firestone – Nashville J&M Huber Corporation
Service Industry/Business	Waste Reduction & Recycling, Inc. – Maryville Black & Decker, Inc. – Nashville Sheraton Music City Hotel – Nashville
Greenways & Trails Greenways/Conservation - Trail Development – Individual Regional	Bowater Pocket Wilderness Areas Ron Weber & Sam Powell City of Brentwood
Industrial Pollution Prevention	Bridgestone/Firestone – Morrison Tenneco Packaging



2000 Stewardship Award Winners

Agriculture & Forestry	East View Farm Belvedere
Aquatic Resource Preservation – Scientific Citizen	Upper Holston Watershed Team – TVA North Chickamauga Creek Conservancy Girls Scouts of Reelfoot Council Tennessee River Rescue Dorris & Sherri Sutton
Local Civic Volunteer	Martha Sundquist Fred Sandefer – Memphis Paris Council Garden Club Dr. Harry Houk – University of Memphis Jamie Marston – Lawrenceburg Waller Trust Acquisition
Higher Education – Internal External	UT Chattanooga UT – CIS & UT – Chattanooga Creek Watershed
K-12 Environmental Awareness – Elementary Schools Large Medium Small Middle Schools Large Medium Small High Schools Large Medium Small	Chimneyrock Elementary & Oak Elementary Fountain City & West Carroll Primary & Green Magnet Math/Science Natures Way Montessori & Oakmont Elementary & Pittard Campus Not Awarded Not Awarded Spalding School & McDonald School & Two Rivers Not Awarded Not Awarded Elizabethton High, F.C. Boyd Christian High, Hutchison Preparatory, McCallie High & Forrest High School
Hazardous Waste Management – Small Large	Tennsco Corporation – Dickson Not Awarded
Lifetime Environmental/ Conservation – Volunteer Professional	Dr. William & Liane Russell Earl Leming
Local Government	Marion County Roane County Recycling Center
Natural Heritage Conservation	Westvaco Swan Conservation Trust USX Corporation/ U.S. Steel Group Marathon Ashland Petroleum
Service Industry/Business	Community Resource Center – Nashville Woodlake Golf & Lake Community – Tazewell

Greenways & Trails Greenways/Conservation – Trail Development –	Linda Hixson Lyndhurst Foundation Green Gold Conservancy Friends of Big Cypress Tree Natural Area
Industrial Pollution Prevention – East Middle West	Bowater Newsprint Tennsco Corporation Buckeye Technologies – Memphis



2001 Stewardship Award Winners

Agriculture & Forestry	Mr. Richard Spain – Greene County
Aquatic Resource Preservation – Scientific Citizen	Conservation Fisheries, Inc. – Knoxville Mr. Lewis Bumpas South Chickamauga Creek Greenway Alliance Cumberland River Compact – Nashville
Local Civic Volunteer	Jill Bader – Nashville Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Scott – Ooltewah Friends of South Cumberland Recreation Area YMCA Earth Services Corp. – Nashville/Middle Tennessee Mr. & Mrs. Steve Garr – Mt. Juliet
Commissioner's Gold Star	Mr. Gary Barrigar – Elizabthton Ms. Pat Carpenter – Mohawk Ms. Sherrie Force – Nashville Mr. Dan Edmiston – Cordova Mr. Jeff Taylor - Franklin
Higher Education – Internal External	Not Awarded The University of Tennessee Botany Department Vanderbilt Center for Environmental Management Studies
K-12 Environmental Awareness – Elementary Schools Middle Schools High Schools	St. Nicholas Elementary, Algood Elementary, Johnson Elementary, Granberry Elementary, Copper Ridge Elementary & Chimneyrock Elementary McDonald Middle School TSAP Club & Fairview Middle School Recycling Team Sevier County High School, Wartburg Central High School, F.C. Boyd Christian, Centennial High School & Forrest High School
Hazardous Waste Management – Small Large	Tennsco Corporation – Dickson Eastman Chemical – Kingsport

Lifetime Environmental/ Conservation – Volunteer Professional	Mr. Donald Todd - Wartburg Mr. Douglas Clark – Winchester
Local Government	Memphis Light, Gas & Water Division
Natural Heritage Conservation	Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. Mr. Rex Boner - The Conservation Fund
Service Industry/Business	BP Amoco Oil Company
Greenways & Trails	City of Knoxville Mr. John Wilbanks – Pigeon Forge City of Collegedale City of Clarksville Volunteer Conservation Club – Dyersburg Cane Creek Lake & Park Project – Cookeville
Industrial Pollution Prevention	RTR Group Inc. dba/Duraglas Pools – Fayetteville General shale Products Corporation – Johnson City



2002 Stewardship Award Winners

Agriculture & Forestry	Division of Forestry – State of Tennessee Shadow Nursery – Winchester Mr. Frank McGinley – Savannah
Aquatic Resource Preservation –	Steele Creek Park Nature Center – Bristol Dr. Alan McClure & BASF Corporation – Chattanooga Tennessee Department of Agriculture – Non-Point Source Program Coal Creek Watershed Foundation Harpeth River Watershed Association Tennessee Scenic Rivers Association
Local Civic Volunteer	Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy – (SAHC) Mr. Michael Claridy – Trousdale County 4-H Mrs. Linda Stephens – President Recycle Rutherford
Commissioner's Gold Star	Dr. Julia Price – Morristown Ms. Lynne Harvey – Kingsport Ms. Twanella Majors – McMinnville
Higher Education – Internal External	Not Awarded ETSU MTSU Center for Environmental Education

K-12 Environmental Awareness – Elementary Schools Middle Schools High Schools	Alpha Intermediate, Granberry Elementary, Chimneyrock Elementary, St. Joseph Elementary & Maryville Intermediate McDonald, Fairview Middle School & Prescott Central Middle Centennial High, F.C. Boyd Christian, Sweetwater High, Sequoyah High & Clarksville/Montgomery County Schools
Hazardous Waste Management – Small Large	Not Awarded Eastman Chemical – Kingsport
Lifetime Environmental/ Conservation – Volunteer Professional	Mr. Sam Powell – Signal Mountain Mr. Mack Prichard – Division of State Parks Dr. David Etnier – The University of Tennessee
Local Government	City of Memphis Lewis County Campbell County Town of Walden
Natural Heritage Conservation	Mr. & Mrs. Glen Stallard – ALCOA Foundation U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service The Nature Conservancy of Tennessee
Service Industry/Business	Waves Recycle, Inc. – Franklin Auto Zone, Inc. – Statewide Hallsdale Powell Utility District – Knox County
Greenways & Trails	City of Kingsport City of Murfreesboro Germantown Parks & Recreation Department Mr. & Mrs. John Donnelly – Crossville Mr. Jim Schroeder – Cumberland Trail
Industrial Pollution Prevention	Limberly/Clark – Loudon Densco Manufacturing – Maryville Glenn Springs Holding Company – Columbia Ft. Campbell Pollution Prevention Center



2003 Stewardship Award Winners

Agriculture & Forestry	Burkhart Family Dairy Farm – Blount County International Paper Company – Statewide Timberlands Mr. & Mrs. Charles Daugherty – Charlin Family Tree Farm – Crossville Cane Creek Watershed – Lauderdale County Soil Conservation District
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Aquatic Resource Preservation	Overmountain Chapter Trout Unlimited Dry Creek Coal Remining Project – Sequatchie Valley Louisville Landing and Concord Marinas Mr. John Jenkinson - TVA
Local Civic Volunteer	Cumberland River Compact – Nashville TVA – Gallatin Fossil Plant Employees Mrs. Curtis Officer – Livingston The Late Richard Williams – ALCOA
Higher Education – Internal External	Center for Excellence for Field Biology – APSU University of Tennessee – Botany Department Tennessee Environmental Education Association (TEEA) Tennessee Solid Waste Education Project (TNSWEP)
K-12 Environmental Awareness	Not Awarded
Hazardous Waste Management – Small Large	Not Awarded Fort Campbell Pollution Prevention Center
Lifetime Environmental/ Conservation – Volunteer Professional	Ms. Shirley Caldwell-Patterson – Nashville Dr. Elsie Quarterman – Vanderbilt University
Local Government	City of Germantown Environmental Commission Metro Nashville – Stormwater Quality Management Program
Natural Heritage Conservation	Dr. Brian Coles – Division of Natural Heritage The Weyerhaeuser Company – Timberland Division Mr. & Mrs. Carter Patten – Chattanooga The Hurricane Mountain Conservancy – Blount County Mr. Dennis Horn – Tullahoma Dr. William Redmond – TVA’s Natural Heritage Program
Service Industry/Business	Target Corporation – Statewide Tennessee Department of Transportation – Statewide The Knoxville News – Sentinel The Federal Correctional Institution at Memphis
Greenways & Trails	Mrs. Eileen Cowen – Lagrange City of Tullahoma Trust for Public Land The City of Collegedale & Norfolk & Southern Railroad
Industrial Pollution Prevention	Saturn Corporation – Spring Hill Five Rivers Industrial Complex – Greenville



2004 Stewardship Award Winners

Agriculture & Forestry	John P. Davis, Jr. – Blount County
Aquatic Resource Preservation – Citizens	The Harpeth River Watershed Association Little River Watershed Association
Scientific	The Nature Conservancy & Partners Hatchie River Project
Civic Volunteer	Mr. Jerry Wilde – Pigeon River The Dyer County Association of Tennessee Master Gardeners
Higher Education	Not Awarded
Green Schools – Clean Air Energy Conservation Hazardous Chemicals Management Land & Water Conservation Solid Waste Reduction	Andrew Johnson Elementary Centennial High School Campbell County High School Centennial High School Granbery Elementary
Hazardous Waste Management – Small Large	Not Awarded Fort Campbell Pollution Prevention Center
Robert Sparks Walker Lifetime Environmental/ Conservation – Volunteer Professional	Ann Tidwell – Nashville Dr. Jim L. Byford – The University of Tennessee @ Martin
Local Government	Fort Campbell Military Installation Panther Creek State Park
Natural Heritage Conservation	Coffee County Joint Industrial Park
Service Industry/Business	5R Processors Ltd. – Clinton Valley Proteins, Inc. – Knoxville
Greenways & Trails – Individual Local Community Trails	Mr. William Fronk – Hamilton County The Town of Erwin Panther Creek State Park/Hamblen Keep America Beautiful
Tennessee Energy Leadership	Delta Faucet Company of Jackson Memphis Light, Gas & Water Department
Industrial Pollution Prevention	Tennessee Koyo Steering Systems Co. – Monroe County